

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 173 - SB 326**

March 1, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires copies of appellate court opinions involving criminal defendants be given to the state and the defense counsel at least 48 hours prior to release to the public so appropriate victim can be notified of opinion.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- Appellate Court Clerk's Office will be required to restructure the procedure for release of opinions to accommodate the 48 hour delay before public release of opinions. However, the costs of such changes will be absorbed within existing judicial resources.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director